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4. [] Spoke with David Martin, in the office of Senator Thomas J. Dodd, and told him that our people had reviewed Martin's draft letter for Senator Dodd's signature to [] and their reaction was that the letter was well drafted and, while it could create some problems on balance, it was felt that it might do some good. I emphasized, however, that certain of our people who were well informed regarding [] considered him to be a completely unethical adversary and that the Senator should be aware of this if [] accepts his invitation to meet with him.

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5. [] made a light check with the clerical staff of the Senate Constitutional Rights Subcommittee concerning the WASHINGTON POST article reporting on some of the Subcommittee's findings with respect to the screening of certain security positions. I was advised the Subcommittee had not held hearings on this and had published nothing for general publication although it apparently writes a periodic staff summary. Since I was known to the staff and since this was not offered without a conference with the Subcommittee's legal staff, I did not press the matter.

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6. [] Talked with Dick Yarborough, Staff Assistant to Senator Ralph Yarborough, and advised him that I had checked and that to the best of our knowledge, there had been no official comment on the NEW REPUBLIC article on the countries of origin of weapons taken from captured Viet Cong troops. (See Journal of 6 July 1964.) I offered to assist Mr. Yarborough in drafting a response to his constituents inquiry, but he said that would not be necessary. He appreciated the offer but said he would draft an appropriate reply.

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7. [] I advised Mrs. Fran Cline, on the House Immigration Subcommittee staff, that while RFE had hoped to provide a short term, one-time grant to [] but further review of the matter indicated that in view of his advanced years (he is in his 80's), we were unable to locate a specific opportunity to provide such assistance. Mrs. Cline said she would pass this on to Mr. Besterman.

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